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The Bethel News.

VOLUME IX.—NUMBER 46.

BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1904.

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NEW : : : TRIMMINGS.

Just arrived, many new things in Trimmings for all kinds of goods. Braids, Appliques, Medallions, All-overs, Jet, Heavy Laces, etc. Nearly every one says that they are prettier than ever before. If you are thinking of Trimmings for wool or muslin dresses or waists, we will be glad to show you our line. Prices reasonable, from 5 cents, up.

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ONE LOT Muslin, with lace stripe, neat printed figures in different colors, also plain colors with white dots, 28 inches wide, 12½ cts. ONE LOT Silk Muslin, plain colors, 28 inches wide, sheer and pretty, 25 cents.

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We make a great study of suits. See our line for Misses. We are almost sure to please you.

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ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1903:
 Mortgage Loans, \$18,163.24
 Stocks and Bonds, 243,100.00
 Cash in Office and Bank, 93,193.00
 Agents' Balances, 1,750.04
 Interest and Rents, 2,443.38
 All other Assets, 15,000.48

Gross Assets, \$373,111.14
 Admitted Assets, \$373,111.14
 LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903:
 Net Unpaid Losses, \$26,808.94
 Unearned Premiums, 26,128.63
 All other liabilities, 11,851.47
 Cash Capital, 200,000.00
 Surplus over all liabilities, 108,322.10

Total liabilities and surplus, \$373,111.14
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To Mothers in This Town.

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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP
 BY THE NEWS MAN.

Mr. Seth Walker is having his buildings painted.

E. W. Godwin spent a few days in Boston last week.

Edw. King was in Portland Saturday on business.

Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Wight were in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

A. Chandler Godwin has gone to Boston for employment.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. S. Chandler Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Ira Jordan Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Marguerite Finney returned to her home in Norway last Friday.

Miss Miriam Herrick is spending the Easter recess with friends in town.

Mr. R. M. Winslow of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of H. R. Godwin and family.

Miss Bessie F. Stanley has gone to Lynn, Mass., where she has a position as governess.

The Columbian Club will meet with Mrs. E. C. Rowe Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

Miss Ethel Young of Bryant Pond, spent last week with her cousin, Mrs. H. M. Farwell.

Mr. Jerome C. Holmes, Bates college, '07, is spending the Easter recess with friends in town.

Miss Bessie Andrews has returned from West Paris, where she visited at the home of Albert Ricker.

Send the News to a friend for the next year and credit the 125 votes to the St. Louis contestants.

Now is the time to help the young folks on their St. Louis trip. \$1.00 on a new subscription counts 100.

Mrs. Geo. B. Newton of Grafton, was in the village Monday enroute for West Auburn, where she will make her home for a short time.

Letters for the following are advertised at the postoffice:
 Mr. Samuel Crupe, or Burke.
 Mr. John G. McArthur.
 George M. Salls.

Mr. Fred Chandler and family of South Paris, spent Easter with Mrs. Chandler's parents. They have returned to South Paris accompanied by their little daughters Hilda and Marjorie.

The many friends of Mr. Herbert Gehring will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed to, and has accepted the office of assistant city engineer of Havana, Cuba. Mr. Gehring sailed for Cuba from New York, April 2.

Dr. G. L. Sturdivant who has been in Brunswick for the past two weeks suffering from an attack of grip, has so far recovered as to be able to return to New York, where he will resume his course at the New York post graduate hospital.

There will be a business meeting of the Christian Endeavor at the home of Miss Belle Purington Friday evening, to which all Endeavors are most cordially invited. After the business session, there will be a social. It is hoped each member will consider this a personal invitation.

Mr. G. R. Wiley has returned from Portland, where he has been for treatment. He has had quite a serious time with his foot, but the worst has passed and a speedy recovery is hoped for. He is able to get about by means of crutches and hopes to be able to dispense with them soon.

Prof. Nathan C. Grover of Orono is soon to move to Washington, D. C., where he is to continue his work in the government employ as topographical engineer. Mr. Grover is a former Bethel boy, son of the late Daniel B. Grover, well remembered as one of Bethel's efficient municipal officers for many years.

Easter was observed at the Congregational church by an appropriate sermon by the pastor and special music by the choir. An abundance of and potted plants gave the church a very pretty appearance. The attendance was exceptionally large. The regular evening service was supplemented by Easter exercises by members of the Sunday school.

Mr. A. G. Bean of Albany, was in town Monday.

Miss Cora Farwell is home from Colby for the Easter vacation.

Mrs. Martha B. Chapman attended the Pomona at South Paris Tuesday.

Edwin L. Harvey was home from Bowdoin a few days last week.

Mr. John Walker of the Poland Springs House, was in town last Friday.

Mr. E. C. Vandekerckhoven is to occupy the Philbrook rent on Main street.

Mr. C. W. Hall has returned to Bethel, to assist his brother, L. A. Hall, in his barber shop.

Frank J. Weed, Gilbert W. Tuell and Guy B. Barker are home from college for their Easter vacation.

It is said that the June meeting of the Oxford County Medical Association will probably be held in Bethel.

There were no services at the Methodist church last Sunday, as the pastor was attending Conference at Rumford Falls.

New lot of Finch just in at the News office. Over sixty games have been sold during the past few months and still going.

The snow has taken a tremendous run during the past few days and wheels have taken the place of runners about the streets.

Mr. Samuel Bowles, Jr., who has been spending a few months at Dr. Gehring's has returned to Springfield, Mass. While here Mr. Bowles made many friends who will always be glad to welcome his return among them.

Mr. N. R. Springer of West Bethel, has purchased of Mrs. C. Bisbee, a house lot on Main street near the Methodist church, and will build thereon the coming summer. We are glad to know that Mr. Springer is to take up his residence among us.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Richardson gave a sugaring off party to several of their friends last Monday evening. Finch had its place on the program and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. All are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for a very pleasant evening.

Mr. G. E. Ryerson has leased the Prospect Inn stable, and took charge of the livery business there, on April 1. He will not close up his stable in Mayville, but will run the two in connection with each other during the coming season. He has some thirty good horses at the two stables and will add more as the business may demand. Mr. Ryerson knows the livery business from A to Z, and will doubtless give the public first-class service from each of the stables.

Mr. Moses Mason has been seriously ill for the past few days. His general health has not been very good during the past winter, and last Sunday he was taken critically ill. Dr. Gehring was called in consultation with Dr. Wight, the attending physician, and they succeeded in making him comfortable. On the whole his condition has improved considerably and an early recovery is hoped for.

Things have gotten back onto their old time footing as far as the past winter and approaching spring are concerned, and we will hope and confidently expect that our summer will be a normal one. One of the hottest days of the year in 1903 was in March and the Androscoggin was open on April 1. April 8 finds it closed tight this year with a good prospect for it remaining so for several days at least.

The Y. P. S. C. E. gave a social at Garland chapel last Wednesday evening, which was well attended and much enjoyed. There was a short program consisting of piano solos by Miss Weed and Mrs. Williamson, monologue by Miss Clark, reading by Rev. C. N. Gleason, phonograph selections by Mr. Wilhamson and character sketches by Mr. Bowles. The latter was exceedingly amusing and much enjoyed by all. Thanks are extended to all who assisted in the program.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

Millinery Display this week, April 8 and 9, at L. M. Stearns.

Don't forget to come and see the Pattern Hats at L. M. Stearns.

Considering the weather, our sale of Ready-to-Wear Hats has begun early; however, you can find just what you need for all outing purposes and general wear at E. E. Burnham's.

Your house cleaning will not be complete without one of more of Miss Hall's twenty-five-cent pictures all framed and ready to hang.

Your Hat knowledge is not complete until you have seen our spring line. We handle the quality of goods which is the best in the market. Our "Crown Brand" has proved to be very attractive, but you can find the larger styles also, at E. E. Burnham's.

R. E. L. Farwell has some more of those nice oranges, sixteen for twenty-five cents. Call for them soon as they are going fast.

Schools throughout the town will begin April 18.

Miss Emily Chapman is away for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Hattie Morrill is spending a short time with friends in Portland.

Mrs. John Reed of Woodfords, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Angella Clark.

Mrs. L. C. Russell of Butte, Mont., is a guest at the home of C. L. Sanborn.

Mr. Archer Grover came home from the University of Maine, the first of the week.

The selectmen are listing all taxable property, preparatory to assessing the town tax.

The lady employees at the News office received cut flowers from Miss Burnham as an Easter greeting.

Mr. Walter Yates who has been attending Gray's Business college, Portland, is visiting relatives in town.

The Spaulding Coburn shop has taken another journey. This time from Paradise street to Kimball Park, it having been purchased by Guy Thurston.

Wednesday, April 13, '04

Is the DATE of an

OPENING

Of Spring and Summer

Millinery

AT

Miss E. E. Burnham's

Mrs. Hills and her assistant will be at Miss Burnham's store on Wednesday April 13 at which time they will show 100 trimmed hats and bonnets. This display will not consist of Ready-to-Wear hats but hats made by Mrs. Hills and her competent milliners who have just returned from New York and Boston markets.

They will also display all the latest designs in flowers, laces, ribbons and novelties. Remember the date and do not make your purchases before attending this opening.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

Harry Purington, Bethel, 4918
 Gotthard Carlson, Bethel, 3043
 Lyman Wheeler, Bethel, 2661
 Miss Ethel Allen, West Bethel, 2262

Just a word to the contestants and their friends.

Four have entered the field determined to join our party to St. Louis and that they will join it we have no question as there is an abundance of material to send them but it means a hustle from now to the end of the chapter. There are about ten weeks more in which to get in the material and each contestant should improve them and improve them faithfully.

Of course there is a large amount of support being held back which will come in before the close but we must not rely too much on that because it might land us below the mark. From now on you must strike and strike hard. We know of many people who are holding back support and to those we would say that the sooner it will bring to the contestants. Subscriptions are what we want and subscriptions are what will secure the St. Louis trip so let us have one hundred of them during the next month.

That St. Louis Trip.

When we began to talk St. Louis we determined to give the very best possible trip to all who went, and give it for the least possible expense. We have been laboring along this line for several weeks, and are in position to announce a partial itinerary and hope to give it in full next week.

We shall go via the Grand Trunk, which will be by all means, the popular route to St. Louis for Maine people as it will cost them less, and afford side attractions not to be compared with those of any other route.

We shall take a private Pullman sleeper at Bethel on Monday evening, June 27, arriving in Montreal at 7.30 on the following morning.

The second day will be spent at Montreal where carriage drives will be taken about the city, visiting the churches, cathedrals and all places of interest, including that beautiful ride up Mount Royal. Several hours will be reserved for rest and a stroll about the city, as some may desire to visit some of Montreal's large department stores.

The Pullman car will be taken again at 10.30, and we shall arrive in Toronto at 7.00 o'clock the next morning. A breakfast will be taken there, and at 8.00 o'clock we shall start for Niagara, arriving there at 9.48. There we shall spend a day, and shall take in the incline plane railway, a sail on the "Maid of the Mist," the famous gorge ride, carriages to Goat Island, in fact everything possible to get at least a slight conception of this wonderful freak of nature. We shall remain there until 11.30 p. m., and to our good fortune we shall have a full moon, and shall see the Falls by moonlight if the weather man sees fit to give us pleasant weather.

Leaving Niagara at 11.30, we shall arrive in Chicago at 1.30 p. m. the next day. About nine hours will be spent in Chicago. We shall take an observation car about the city and shall visit Chicago University, the parks, the stock yards and other places of interest. From Chicago we will go direct to St. Louis, arriving there at 7.00 o'clock Friday, July 1.

Five full days will be spent at St. Louis, and as one of them will be July 4, we shall do our celebrating there. We shall also take a moonlight sail on the Mississippi. The National Teachers' Association will be in session at the Educational building which will be an especial attraction to teachers.

Returning, we shall leave St. Louis, Wednesday, July 6, at 7 a. m., and shall come direct over practically the same route unless a side trip should be arranged to take a sail down the St. Lawrence among the Thousand Islands, considered the paradise of America, and the famous Racine Rapids. This trip can be arranged for a very small sum should a sufficient number desire to take it. The return trip from Toronto along the shore of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence river will be made by day.

One grand feature of the whole trip will be that we shall travel in a special Pullman car which will go where we go and stay where we stay, no change from Bethel to St. Louis nor from St. Louis to Bethel.

The entire expense of this trip including fares, special Pullman sleepers, all board, expenses of side attractions, fares to the Exposition etc., will be \$68.00.

Full itinerary will be given later. For the benefit of the inquiring multitudes we will say that the regular return fare for a fifteen days' trip from Bethel will be \$25.35.

A Radical Departure.

The men of the Universalist parish will serve a Chicken pie Supper at their chapel Thursday night, Apr. 7, 1904, at 6.30 o'clock, and later on will give an entertainment, second to none, possibly excepting the one lately given entitled, "Not Quite." Supper and entertainment 25c, mixed; entertainment taken alone 10c. Satisfaction guaranteed or price doubled. Presumably all food cooked by men.

A liberal patronage will be gratefully received.

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W. P. GARDNER, M. D.
 Gardiner, Me., Jan. 12, 1903.

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On Sale at WILEY'S DRUG STORE.

Easter at the Universalist Church.

There was a full observance of Easter at the Universalist church Sunday. The day was begun with the usual Sunrise Meeting of the Y. P. C. U., at 6.30 a. m. The chapel in which this meeting was held was prettily decorated with evergreens and plants. There was a good attendance and an interesting meeting. A good representation of the other societies was present and the assistance thus afforded was much appreciated. The regular forenoon service was appropriate to the day. Besides an excellent discourse by the pastor upon the Resurrection, there was special music.

The decorations of the church were elaborate and attractive. A pretty arch of evergreen was erected over the altar and from the top of this arch several long ropes of evergreen were tastefully festooned to each side of the church. The front of the church was banked with many potted plants and cut flowers. There were several pots of Easter lilies. Among the cut flowers was a striking place made up of daybreak pinks sent by Mrs. W. F. Stone, of Portland, as a memorial to her father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wormell who were both interested workers in this church during their lifetime. Many bouquets of cut flowers were provided by members of the parish and the general effect was most pleasing.

Following the regular morning service, communion was observed.

In the evening there was an Easter concert by the children of the Sunday School assisted by the older ones. An excellent program was presented. The church was almost crowded, the audience being a larger one than has been present at any concert of the kind in this church for a long time. Withal, the day was a busy one at the church and those who worked so hard to accomplish the success realized deserve much credit.

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Time Table in Effect Oct. 4, 1903.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30
Gorham,	4.00	8.20
Gilead,	4.25	8.38
West Bethel,	4.38	8.47
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53
Lockes Mills,	5.00	9.00
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05
South Paris,	5.36	9.30
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30
South Paris,	10.00	3.38
Bryant Pond,	10.28	4.15
Lockes Mills,	10.35	4.18
BETHEL, arrive,	10.45	4.32
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42
Gilead,	11.05	4.54
Gorham,	11.30	5.20

Island Pond, 1.30 | 7.50 || Montreal, | 6.50 | 7.20 |
| Toronto, | 7.15 | 4.50 |
| Chicago, | 8.45 | 7.20 |

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M.,
East and 9.37 P. M., West, runs every
day; all others every day except Sunday.
Sunday paper train leaves Portland at
7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M.,
and at Berlin, 12.15 P. M. Returning
leaves Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05
P. M.

REDUCED FARES

Until April 30th, 1904.

Colonist Fares from Bethel to
Vancouver, San Francisco, Los
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THE WEB OF FATE

Or, A Revolutionary Scout

By BYRON DOWLING

CHAPTER VII.

LOVE AND PATRIOTISM.

Captain Trevor was also charmed with the fair heiress of the "Stronghold," and when Danforth had left, he thought he could not better occupy his time than in laying siege to her affections. Joining her in the library, he entered into conversation upon general topics, and certainly she had never heard a gentleman speak with more delicacy, originality or vivacity. Ransacking his pleasant memories, he narrated in glowing language the splendors of the British metropolis, the extent of its parks, the magnitude of its commerce, and the vast treasures of literature and of art in its collections. Aurora listened with evident interest, and Capt. Trevor soon felt his heart throb with a warmth that, fast kindled into a fervent admiration. Unluckily, he touched upon a topic that was not agreeable:

"Then there is the court. O, Miss Maxwell, you should see our sovereign surrounded by the beauty and rank of his kingdom."

"Excuse me, captain. Your sovereign, not ours," coolly remarked Aurora, while a smile of disdain curled her beautiful lips.

"Ah! I forgot your rebellious tendencies, miss. And to whom, pray, do you acknowledge allegiance, if not to King George?"

"To God; To the chosen rulers of the people! To my country!" exclaimed Aurora, in an impassioned tone, while her eyes, ordinarily so soft in their expression, seemed to flash lightning from beneath their long lashes.

The captain started as if thunder-struck, but had the tact to smother his loyal indignation, as he muttered: "There will be little hope for the success of our arms, if all the ladies are like you, Miss Maxwell. Excuse the introduction of a subject, which, if we cannot agree, I will take care henceforth not to bring up on the carpet."

"Thanks," replied Aurora, and the flush left her cheeks, which bloomed like a fresh-plucked rose. The delicacy of the captain had been profoundly appreciated, and he felt that at last he saw one whose bewitching charms were heightened by the possession of a soul capable of true feeling.

Mr. Maxwell entered at this moment, and was delighted to witness the apparent cordiality between his guest and his niece. "It is delightful weather," he remarked, "and I think you young people would enjoy a ride."

"I should be delighted to accompany Miss Maxwell," said the captain, with a courteous bow.

"Let us wait until to-morrow," replied Aurora, "and visit the Tallulah falls."

"By all means," said the captain, "I have often heard of that wonder of nature, and shall be delighted to accompany Miss Maxwell."

"As you just now remarked," said she, with an arch smile, "to-morrow, then, we will have an early dinner, and start. It is the most agreeable time of day for a ride."

"I shall await your orders," replied the captain; "and now, if you will excuse me, I will tell Sergeant Halbert to see that my horse is ready for the canter. These rough paths render it necessary to have the animal's feet in good order."

"Certainly," remarked Mr. Maxwell, "and remember that we have a good smith here at the 'Stronghold.'"

Strolling towards the stable, the captain found his faithful adherent busily engaged in cleaning his holster pistols. Rising as the officer approached, he saluted him by raising his right hand to his cap, and then stood motionless.

"Ah, sergeant, getting ready for action?"

"Think it's time."

"Why, man, you do not really apprehend any danger?"

"Whigs around!"

"Pshaw! Why man, there is not a whig within a hundred miles of here."

"Glad to hear it, sir!"

"Yes, and in a day or two you will see a hundred or two of the loyal inhabitants here, well armed, and ready to combat the saucy North Carolinians."

"Hope to see them, sir."

"You will, sergeant, and what a deal of drilling you will have to do. It will not answer to be too severe, however. Be decided, but not harsh in your movements."

"Don't think I will, sir," laconically responded the sergeant, whose countenance wore a curious expression of distrust.

"Well, and now I think of it, look at Selim's feet, I shall want him at the door to-morrow at one o'clock, for a ride."

"And me, sir?"

"No, no! You remain here, though you may keep your ears open, and if you hear anything out of the way, report it."

"Humph" muttered the veteran, after his commander had left. "He had better keep his eyes open. Navy or mind, his pistols shan't miss fire."

That evening, and the next morning, Captain Trevor was almost constant at Aurora's side. The more he

conversed with her, the more he found to admire. It was evident that, although reared in the wilds, her education was of a refined order, tempered by commanding powers of thought, lofty impulses, and above all, the vivifying ladyhood of nature in her purest aspect. True, she was bitterly opposed to the British government, but her very opposition had a charm for him, who had hitherto looked upon her sex as mere puppets. Perhaps he might ask her to wear the Fitzhew coronet, and of course she would be proud to accept that honor, tinged as she was with rebellious thoughts. Little knew the titled scion of nobility with what contempt Aurora regarded him in her heart, even when she was listening to his pleasant discourse.

"Now, captain," exclaimed Aurora, in a gay tone as she entered the library, "I am equipped for the ride, and as the horses are at the door, suppose we start."

"With pleasure!"

The captain's chestnut charger, "Selim," stood motionless before the door, Sergeant Halbert standing at his shoulder to hold the stirrups. Aurora's horse was a black thorough-bred, who pawed the ground with impatience until his mistress had vaulted into her saddle, when the noble animal stood motionless, his neck curved, and his small ears pointed forward. She wore a closely fitting short riding dress over her long skirt, and a broad hat with a waving plume.

"Return before dark," said Mr. Maxwell, as they left the house.

"Certainly, uncle," replied Aurora, while the captain bowed assent.

"Had better," growled the sergeant. The day was one of sunlight and glory. The face of nature beamed with floral smiles, and the thick foliage of the forest waved in the gentle breeze, as if with emotions of gladness. Floating masses of brilliant clouds sailed about the sky, their semi-transparent edges glistening like burnished gold, through which gleamed the bright rays of the god of day.

In narrating the escape of Rupert London from the "Stronghold," we have already described the path traversed by the equestrians, who chatted pleasantly as they rode along. The captain was unusually brilliant, carefully shunning political topics, and Aurora had evidently determined to make the time pass pleasantly. The young officer, who had been insensible to the charms of many a city belle, now bowed in admiration before this rustic beauty—not merely in fancy, but with that deep passion which hearts sobered by the discipline of life are alone capable of.

"Are we not far enough from the 'Stronghold,' to recall Mr. Maxwell's caution?" at length remarked Captain Trevor, as they let their horses walk up a slight eminence.

"What?" merrily replied Aurora, "are you already tired of my society? Really, I did not expect that."

"Spare me—spare me," interrupted the captain. "I would willingly ride to the world's end in such pleasant society, but—"

"But!" interrupted Aurora in her turn. "But is called by you gentlemen a woman's word, yet your sex, if I mistake not, are fondest of using it."

"Nay, Miss Maxwell, hear me. I only feared that if we outstayed our time, your uncle might not be disposed to let us ride again—a happiness that I trust often to enjoy."

"And which you have no desire to prolong. But let us retrace our steps, although, if my old nurse knew this, she would be sadly disappointed."

"I beg of you to go on, especially if you wish to see any one."

"Well, then, to speak frankly, I would like to proceed about half a mile further, that I may visit a nurse of mine who lives there. That is, if it is not disagreeable to Captain Trevor."

"Captain Trevor will ever find it agreeable to escort Miss Maxwell—through life, if she chooses so to elect."

Aurora colored.

"You must admit," said she, with an almost inexpressible shade of sarcasm in her tone, "that no country which you have visited can show a more beautiful forest ride than this."

The remark was made with such self-possession, that Captain Trevor felt almost inclined to be provoked at her indifference, but thought it best to remain silent. Selim received a thrust of his spurs, and in a moment or two he replied:

"Beautiful—wildly picturesque as this scene is, I almost feel inclined to prefer one with which I am familiar."

"And where is that, pray?"

"It is a large park, around a Norman castle in the south of England. Hundreds of acres are covered with a smooth carpet of grass, and shaded by old oaks, monarchs of the forest, through whose gnarled boughs come the sunlight. This scene surpasses it in picturesque grandeur, but that, in its quiet majesty, only lacks one thing to make it dearer to me than all the world besides."

"And what is that, captain?"

"The park is that of my father, Miss Maxwell, but it lacks—"

"Some loyal demobelle," interrupted Aurora, "who will reflect no discredit upon the titled occupants of the castle, and will puppet-like play her part in the pageant of royalty. Come, let us have a race. Which will reach the summit of yonder hill first?"

There was a malicious sparkle of triumph in Aurora's eyes, as she urged her horse into a canter, followed by her discomfited cavalier, who was evidently somewhat abashed. With all his exertions he could not reach the indicated goal until some moments after his competitor was there, for Selim was rather famed for power than speed.

"I acknowledge myself beaten," was

his frank remark as he reached Aurora's side, "but I give you fair notice that I shall not leave the field."

"To be unsuccessful?" asked Aurora with an arch smile.

"I hope not."

At this moment a distant noise fell distinctly upon the ears of the equestrians.

"Tell me," asked the captain, "is that the hooting of an owl?"

"It sounds like it," was the reply, but as she spoke, Aurora bent her head, and a crimson hue suffused her cheeks. She recognized the well-known cry of the Sharpshooters, and feared for a moment that her companion might get into trouble. But on reflection, she felt assured that her influence would protect him, and so they pursued their journey.

A hundred yards further beyond, was the spot where her interview with Lydston had been overheard, and on turning around a large rock, she saw, to her astonishment—Rupert Loudon.

Yes, the young officer, haunted by a desire to revisit the spot where he had last seen her, had found his way thither with the aid of a guide, who was now at Danforth's house. Absorbed in thought, he did not hear the horses as they came along on the green sward at either side of the narrow path. Starting to his feet, he saw her who had taken entire possession of his heart.

"Miss Maxwell!" he exclaimed. Then, seeing her companion, in the well-known uniform of England, he drew himself proudly up at the side of his horse, and raised his cap with polite courtesy.

A warm thrill of heart-blood at the unexpected sight of Rupert made Aurora almost reel in her saddle, but it was but for a second. Her quick perception taught her that she had perhaps endangered the life of one in whom she felt an indescribable interest, and without hesitation she rode up to Rupert, extending her hand.

"Mr. Rupert," said she, "I hope you are well. Let me introduce you to Capt. Trevor, of the king's officers, who is my unarmed escort."

Each of the gentlemen bowed to the other, with a forced smile, for the eyes of either sparkled defiance. Captain Trevor saw at a glance that Rupert was a continental officer, and his sword and pistols made him at once a formidable opponent, even if there were no band in ambush or within call. But what was the most galling to his proud spirit was a sudden conviction that Aurora had come hither to see him. He would have given his commission for his arms, and a certainty that there would be no interruption.

Nor was Rupert less annoyed. He attributed the slight agitation, the changing color, and the half averted eyes of Aurora to her being discovered with her companion. Neither could he but think that Captain Trevor was the affianced lover of whom he had heard her speak, at that very spot.

"Gentlemen," said Aurora, in a sweet, soft voice, that thrilled through the heart of each listener, as he drank in every tone, "you are arrayed under different flags, but do not carry your feuds into private life. Captain Trevor, you will excuse me for an instant, while I say a few words to Mr. Rupert."

"Certainly," replied the captain, fixing a searching gaze upon her, as she rode up to Rupert's side.

"Major Loudon, she said, in a low tone, "I thought you were at the camp. Where is Mr. Danforth?"

"Gone," was the laconic response, for Rupert could not unfathom the conduct of her whom he recognized as sovereign of his affections—neither saw he the propriety of submitting to this examination from one thus the companion of an enemy."

"Say, then, to Lydston, that I will see him to-morrow, here," then raising her voice she continued: "I should like to see her to-day, but cannot. Good afternoon, sir. Now, Captain Trevor, let us return."

Ere Rupert could recover from his astonishment they had turned their steeds, and rode back the way in which they had come.

The captain was, if possible, more mystified, but not a word was exchanged until, the approached the "Stronghold," and slackened their pace as they ascended a hill, when he exclaimed:

"Miss Maxwell!"

"Captain Trevor!"

"I trust that your ride has been an agreeable one."

"Quite so."

"Excuse me, also, if I suggest to Miss Maxwell that when she has a rendezvous with a whig officer, for I will not use the word rebel, it is rather an assumption of power to compel one of his majesty's officers to act as a go-between."

"Stop, sir!" exclaimed Aurora, checking her horse and drawing herself up in her saddle until she was the impersonification of queenly beauty. "I assure, Captain Trevor, upon my honor, that I have but a slight acquaintance with the gentleman we met so accidentally. Yes, you may smile, but this meeting was accidental, and I regret it."

"Excuse me," stammered the captain, "for I feel that I wronged you, but—"

Her attention was arrested by the shrill notes of a trumpet from the "Stronghold." Listening, he exclaimed:

"Those are British notes. I feared at first that your acquaintance might have managed to get here by a shorter route, and occupy the house."

"You who were in his power should not speak thus of him. But you were correct in your conjectures, for see, here come the red-coats."

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they were thrown into line. Bringing his men to a salute, the commanding officer rode up, and asked:

"Is this Captain Trevor that I have the honor of address?"

"Your servant," replied the captain, reining in his horse.

"Gen. Tarleton ordered me to report to you, sir, and inform you that you might be in danger from an organization of rebels, which he has learned has formed in this vicinity. Mr. Maxwell has kindly offered us quarters, but learning from him that you were in the woods without escort, I determined to join you."

The troop was brought into column, and soon the spacious stables of the "Stronghold" were filled with their horses, while their tired riders were enjoying the contents of a large tub. It was apparently filled with milk, but one of the troopers declared, with an oath, that the cow which gave that milk must have been fed on brandy-cherries.

Mr. Maxwell was not visible, but refreshments for the officers were prepared in the dining-room. After partaking of them, Captain Trevor invited the commander of the dragoons to his chamber, leaving the lieutenants to finish the bottles.

Rupert, meanwhile, had rejoined his guide at Mrs. Danforth's, and slowly returned to the camp. He found the adjutant much better, although he seemed extremely taciturn. Sergeant Danforth was away "on a scout," and Rupert, after a multitude of vague conjectures respecting Aurora, retired to his couch.

Sweet sleep! When every passion is controlled and every pain quieted—when every unchained soul soars at will on rapid wing.

[To be continued.]

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Ups and Downs of Home.

Mrs. Knowlitt—Mrs. Naggsby is always blowing her husband up.
Mrs. Askitt—I wonder why.
Mrs. Knowlitt—Oh,

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1904.

William R. Godwin.

William R. Godwin died at the home of M. M. Dewey on West Fourth street early this morning at the age of seventy-four years as a result of neuralgia of the heart. The funeral will be held from the Congregational church to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. George E. Soper officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pierson of Los Angeles. The wife of the deceased survives him.

Mr. Godwin was a native of Maine, but lived in Pomona for about ten years and in Los Angeles for the past six years or so. He and his wife had sold out their property in Los Angeles and had decided to return to New England from whence they came to California. They came to Pomona a few days ago on a final visit among their friends of whom they had many here. They were formerly members of the Congregational church of this place. Although Mr. Godwin had been an invalid for several years, he was able to be about. Yesterday afternoon he attended the B. Fay Mills lecture at the Unitarian church, and felt well until late in the evening, when he was taken with violent pains about the heart. A physician was summoned and everything possible done for his comfort, but only temporary relief could be offered and he passed away at an early hour this morning.—Daily Progress, Pomona, Cal., March 26.

The above announcement of the death of Mr. William Godwin who was so long a resident of Bethel, will bring sadness to many friends here, and deep sympathy will go out to the widow in her bereavement.

Mr. Godwin was born in Rumford, but removed with his parents to Upton in early life.

He married Abbie West and to them two little girls were born, but the dread disease, diphtheria, visited their home, and in two short weeks, the household once so full of sunshine, was filled with sorrow and the parents were left alone. Later a sweet little boy came as a comfort to their hearts, and home, but again the heavy cloud of sorrow came to them, and they were again alone.

They moved to Bethel where they resided several years but the failing health of Mr. Godwin caused him to try a kinder climate and in 1887 he joined the "Bethel Colony" in Pomona, Cal. At last realizing advancing age, Mr. and Mrs. Godwin decided to sell their residence in Los Angeles, where they had lived for some years and come East and spend their declining years with their niece Mrs. Nora Ball. It was during a visit to old friends in Pomona previous to their journey eastward that Mr. Godwin suffered an attack of heart disease from which he died in a few hours.

Mr. Godwin leaves one brother, Mr. Horatio Godwin, a prominent business man in Bethel and Mrs. Godwin has one brother in West Virginia, Mr. Abner West who was a former resident of Bethel. E. W. O.

OBITUARY.

Mr. I. Tapley Kimball, son of Israel and Phebe Hazen Kimball, was born in Bridgton, Maine, Aug. 15, 1809. He came to Bethel with his parents when ten-years old and resided here, with the exception of five years which he spent in Dover, N. H., the remainder of his long and useful life. In 1836, he married Mary A., daughter of Rev. Daniel Mason. Their home was near Middle Intervale on her father's homestead. Seven children gladdened their hearts and made their home happy, but death entered their dwelling and two

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sons were called away. One died at Dover and one was drowned in the Androscoggin river near their home. In 1888 Mrs. Kimball was called to meet her children in the spirit world. Doubtless it was a happy meeting. There was joy in Heaven but sorrow on earth; but the God Mr. Kimball trusted and the Saviour he loved were with him to bear his burdens and comfort his heart. He found joy in sorrow and comfort in bereavement. He was an active member of the Baptist church for sixty-five years and dearly loved the church of his choice. His religious faith was strong, pure and holy. His love of all good things—temperance, rectitude, uprightness and honesty—in fact all the moral and religious ethics of the ten commandments were exemplified in his daily life and thought.

He was the last one of his father's family. His sons and daughters who survive him are Newton and Minnie who have stayed in the old home and tenderly cared for him in his declining years, smoothing his pathway in all possible ways; Rebecca, wife of Clark Caswell; Mason, who has been with his father much during the past few years and John residing in Dover, N. H.

He was a member of the State Legislature in the years 1860 and 1861.

Mr. Kimball was a great sufferer during the last year of his life, but patiently bore his sufferings with Christian endurance, ever trying to forget self for the welfare of those about him.

He died March 2, 1904 at the ripe age of ninety-four years and six months. Funeral services were held at his home March 4, Rev. Warner officiating. The bereaved family have the deep sympathy of a host of friends who sincerely mourn with them.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

About forty of the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farwell met at their home on Farwell Hill last evening to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

The rooms were very prettily decorated with evergreen and flowers. The evening was very pleasantly spent in music and the ever present games of Pit and Flinch, the last game of Flinch being a very hotly contested one by which all present learned more of the rules than they had before dreamed.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. There were many letters of regret and gifts from those who could not be present. A complete list of the tokens of regard follows:

Knives, Forks and Spoons.—Sara and Cora Farwell.
Cold Meat Forks.—Herman Mason and H. O. Archibald.

Soup Ladle.—W. E. Young and family.
Cream Ladle.—Alice J. Farwell.

Oyster Ladle.—E. P. Bryant.
Gravy Ladles.—C. C. Bryant and Calvin Sanborn.

Berry Spoons.—Carl Swenson, Aglenia Farwell.
Pie Knife.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Eames.

Sugar Shell.—Rita Twitchell, Leslie and Mollie Wright.
Sugar Shell and Butter Knife.—Mr. Buok and family.

Sugar Shell.—Frank Osgood.
Dessert Spoons.—Mr. and Mrs. Farrar, Lena and Eva Farwell.

Table Spoons.—Mrs. Sarah Farwell.
Salt and Pepper Set.—Ornie and Ella Farwell.

Sugar Bowl.—Mr. and Mrs. Porter Farwell.
Salad Dish, Work Basket and Cologne.—D. W. Kimball.

Berry Dish.—H. H. Sanborn.
Tray Cloth.—S. B. Kimball, W. W. Chase and family.

Maple.—C. N. and M. E. Kimball.
Apron.—Mrs. Ada Wright.
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ANDOVER.

Last Wednesday evening, the Y. P. S. C. E. gave an entertainment and social; music was furnished by the orchestra, and classic declamations in costume were given.

Lone Mr. Grange held an all day meeting Saturday, April 2. This was the last of the contests. Mr. Hall's side had 5280 points, Miss Cushman's, 5660. Miss Cushman's side will furnish a treat.

Rev. Mr. Holden preached a fine Easter sermon. Special music was furnished by the choir. The Sunday school gave a concert in the evening, and a large number were present.

Miss Boynton, teacher in the High school, is unable to return to her duties. Miss Burton, teacher of the grammar school has engaged to teach elsewhere. The schools commence April 17.

Chester Sweatt is ill of scarlet fever in a Boston hospital.

Mrs. M. E. Pratt and Mrs. Henry Sweatt attended the Methodist conference at Rumford Falls.

Mrs. Nathan Akers (nee Harriet Learned) is very ill in Milford, N. H. Mr. P. W. Learned and wife started for there the 5th.

Mr. Fred Russell has engaged, rent in Mrs. Jones' vacant tenement house.

People have commenced to make maple syrup.

The Universalists held a social at their vestry March 29. Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Abbott entertained. Mr. Abbott furnished refreshments which consisted of maple syrup cooled on snow—very delicious.

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Notice for Republican Caucus.

A Republican Caucus will be held at the lock-up in Bethel village, in the town of Bethel on Saturday, April 9, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following business:

First—To choose a chairman of the meeting.

Second—To elect three delegates to attend the State Convention at Portland on Thursday, April 14, 1904, at 1.30 o'clock p. m.

Third—To elect three delegates to attend the Second District Republican Convention to be held at Lewiston, Maine, on Wednesday, April 13, 1904, at 1.30 p. m.

Dated at Bethel this 28th day of March, A. D., 1904.

Per order Republican Town Committee.

ELLERY C. PARK, Chairman
J. U. PURINGTON, Secretary.

NOTICE.

The annual examination for those who wish to teach in the town of Bethel during the ensuing year will be given at the Brick School House on Saturday April 9 next at 9.30 in the forenoon.

Per order School Committee
By H. H. HASTINGS,
Supt. of Schools

Bethel, March 22, 1904.

News' Excursion

TO THE

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Several will go as Guests of Honor and at our Expense, Others at Rock Bottom Prices.

The News proposes to conduct an Excursion to the St. Louis Exposition early in the summer, to accommodate such young people from this section as desire to attend that Exposition, which will be the greatest exposition that the world has ever seen or will be likely to see for many years to come. We have heard many young people express a desire to go to St. Louis, which fact has prompted the arrangement for this Excursion, not as a money-making scheme, but in order to secure to all the advantage of such excursion rates as may be obtainable. The editor, Mr. E. C. Bowler, who will personally conduct the party, will visit the Exposition during the month of May at which time he will secure the lowest possible rates for the party which he will take a few weeks later. And now as to

Those Who Are To Go Free.

Yes, several of this party will go absolutely free as far as necessary expenses are concerned. We shall pay their railroad fares, Pullman service, hotel bills and fares into the Exposition, so that their only expense will be what they may choose to spend. Just who these fortunate ones will be, will be determined by a

VOTING CONTEST

Not a voting contest like most voting contests in which one wins and all the others lose, but a contest in which all who work win.

In all contests some one has to be second, another third and so on; each of these may have worked just as hard as the first, but they get no reward. Notice the different St. Louis Contests running in the papers at the present time. In many cases there are scores in the fight, but in all cases, one will go and all the others will be disappointed.

OUR PLAN.

Ours will be a Voting Contest just the same as the others, but will differ in the respect that each and every person who gets 16,000 votes will go at our expense. There is no limit as to field. People in the County or outside the County may enter. Any desiring to go under this proposition should enter their names at once before their friends have pledged their support to some one else. Votes will be counted according to the following schedule:

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5. Each dollar paid on new advertising secured by the contestants or their friends will count.....	50
6. Each dollar for new advertising secured by such written contract as shall be acceptable to us will count.....	25
7. Each dollar paid for job printing will count.....	25

CONDITIONS.

Contestants must note these conditions carefully as they must be observed to the letter.

1. Votes once credited to one contestant cannot be withdrawn and given to another.
2. Subscriptions discontinued and begun again during the contest will be credited at the renewal rate, even though they may have come in under another name in the same family.
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4. Credit on advertising must be for space actually secured by contestants and does not apply in any way to our present advertising. Any increased ad, but no credit will be allowed on money paid for regular space now carried. Should any of our regular advertisers discontinue their advertising and begin again during the life of the contest, such will not be considered new business and no credit will be allowed.
5. The same applies to job printing as to advertising. All must be new work. No credit will be given on any work already secured by the office.
6. The standing of each contestant will be published each week.
7. The Contest will close about June 20. The exact date will be given later. The Excursion will be as soon after the closing date as possible.

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The May Flower.

Mr. E. C. Chamberlin has recently placed in our hands Vol. I, No. 1, of the May Flower, a small publication which was issued in Bethel on May 1, 1859. Misses Sarah L. Haywood and Lucinda F. Twitchell were the editors and Smith and Nutting the printers. Among other things which would doubtless be of interest to those who remember the fifties was a report of a May walk. A happy party met at Gould's Academy at 8 a. m. and at appropriate music were marshalled by Mr. Enoch Foster through the streets of the village and then to Pine Hill Cemetery. After searching there for Trailing Arbutus they met under the shade of the trees and crowned Miss O. C. Walker Queen of May with Misses Angie Chapman and Augusta Wilson Queen's attendants.

This little sheet contains also several choice selections one of which entitled "Happiness" we give herewith.

HAPPINESS.

We should view life as an ever present reality, replete with daily and hourly duties, and with all its trials still susceptible of much enjoyment; and it is only in the rational use of the present hour, that we are securing the pleasures and blessings that will always be the reward of a useful life.

The pursuit of happiness is the one great principle of our lives. But we must seek within ourselves for the elements that are to compose the much desired cup.

One of the greatest charms of life exists in action. Idleness in itself is a curse, and entails upon its victim a legion of other miseries. We sometimes shrink when we realize how fierce grows the battle, but it is only in the strife that we can live, and if we can bear us valiantly, each victory adds to our strength for the next encounter.

But we should beware of cultivating the intellect at the expense of the heart. True the pleasures of intellect are very exalted, and worthy of Gods. But without the chastening influence of those truest, noblest impulses of humanity that spring from the heart, and under proper culture yield those fragrant flowers that, blossoming along our path, cause us to forget how weary is the way—the intellect may be a greater curse than blessing.

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GROVER HILL.

The song sparrow arrived last week.

Martin B. Whitney visited at West Bethel and Mason last week.

A. L. Whitman and sons have been cutting wood for Freeland Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wheeler were at A. L. Whitman's one day last week.

A cold night April 3.

Lyman Abbott was on Grover Hill one night last week.

Mr. George Spinney recently attended the funeral of a brother at Gorham.

Mr. L. N. Bartlett hauled some hay from his farm which he has lately sold to Ed Smith.

It is said that State Superintendent of Schools W. W. Stetson of Maine, is an active candidate for the superintendency of the Omaha, Neb., schools, which became vacant April 1. He has submitted a demand, however, for a salary of \$6000 a year and a five years' contract, and full liberty in the discharge of teachers, and it is said that these demands have probably killed his chances for election. It is expected that Mr. Stetson will be in Omaha in a few days in consultation with the members of the board.



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SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Addison Bryant of Locke Mills, was in town last Monday.

Rose A. Murphy visited relatives in Portland Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Olive M. Stuart has returned from attending Easter millinery openings in Portland and Boston.

Miss Mae E. Davis entertained twenty-four of her friends at a sugar picnic at a maple sugar camp near her home on Hill street, last Thursday. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

Easter was observed with special services at the Universalist church, followed by a reception of members and communion.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray were at the Empire Theatre, Lewiston, Thursday evening, to see Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Du Barry." They were guests of Florence Lowell in Auburn.

Miss Maude Carter of Braintree, Mass., is at home for an Easter vacation.

Paris Grange had an all day meeting last Saturday. Brothers Libby and Bateman were present.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational Social Circle was held Monday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. Geo. A. Wilson on Maple street. The officers elected were:

President—Mrs. Geo. A. Wilson.
1st Vice President—Mrs. S. E. Briggs.
2d Vice President—Mrs. Walter Sweet.
Secretary—Mrs. Oscar Barrows.
Treasurer—Mrs. O. E. Barrows.

The Universalist Good Cheer society held a supper in their hall the 5th. Supper was served at 6.30, after which an entertainment entitled "A Gentle Jury," followed by a social was given. Prices as usual.

Stillman B. Cole and family have moved to Greenwood, where he will have charge of the town farm.

The store of W. O. and G. W. Frothingham is being papered green and painted white.

Mr. Oscar W. Royal has returned from Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. John J. Murphy who has been visiting in Portland, has returned home.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.

"I have been subject to sciatic rheumatism for years," says E. H. Waldron, of Wilton Junction Iowa. "My joints were stiff and gave me much pain and discomfort. My joints would crack when I straightened up. I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and have been thoroughly cured. Have not had a pain or ache from the old trouble for many months. It is certainly a most wonderful liniment."

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NORWAY.

Wagons as well as sleighs may be seen on our streets. In the village it is nearly all bare ground but in the rural districts the sleighing is better than the wheeling.

Last week three of our citizens went to the hospital for appendicitis treatment. Two came back for local treatment as an operation was not necessary. Mrs. M. L. Kimball, the physicians at the hospital said, needed rest, and she has given up her position as saleswoman in the Smiley store. Mr. Ferd Swan returned Wednesday to the hospital for an operation.

William W. Fiske, who lives on Deering street, is nearly ninety-four years old and is next to the oldest person in town. He is quite smart and active and his mind is as clear as ever. He is a pensioner of the United States on account of the death of one of his sons, Sergt. Gilbert Fiske, who was a Norway soldier of Co. B, 23d Maine Infantry and was killed in front of Petersburg.

Mr. Wm. B. Tee has so far recovered from his injuries received several months ago at Washington, as to be able to be moved from the hospital to his former home in Cambridge, Ill. He and his daughter who was travelling with him concluded not to come to Norway this summer.

Frederick R. Dyer, Esq., of Buckfield, Masonic district deputy, is visiting the lodges in the county and district. He finds the order in the district in a most satisfactory condition.

The supper and entertainment Thursday evening by the male members of the Ladies Circle was one of the best for the whole winter. The entertainment consisted of songs by Mrs. and Mr. Verne Whitman, Miss Claudine Maloney and Mr. F. E. Turner. Everyone was encored. The readings by Miss Elia Louise Hill of Bridgton were exceptionally fine and she was also frequently applauded and encored. She was here at an entertainment some time ago and was so well liked that she was secured for this special occasion.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

WALDING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

EAST BETHEL.

Miss Amy Bartlett has returned to Gorham Normal school.

Mrs. Irving Kimball returned to her home in Boston last Saturday.

Miss Jennie Swan is visiting at South Paris and will attend Pomona Grange.

Mr. Norman Sanborn is cutting cord wood for Mr. George K. Hastings.

Mrs. W. C. Howe of Waltham, Mass., is visiting her father, Mr. J. D. Hastings, who is in very feeble health.

Mr. Porter Farwell is having large lumber sawed at Locke Mills to be shipped to H. P. Bartlett, Waltham, Mass., to be used for canoe paddles.

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BRYANT POND.

Our high school began Tuesday. The primary school will begin the last Monday in April.

Miss Annie Crooker visited Bessie Cole Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Maud Day was the guest of her brother Charlie Day, last week.

Mary Stevens returned to her school at Yarmouth, Tuesday.

Mrs. Grace Briggs and children visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Stevens several days recently.

Mr. Mauger and son of New York have been here to see about their cottage being built on the island; they stopped at A. C. Ricker's.

Miss Emma Larrabee is the guest of her aunt Mrs. Flora Ricker.

Mr. Ben Martin who has occupied Will Morse's house during the winter is moving back to North Woodstock where his wife owns a small farm.

Arthur Cushman has returned from Rumford Falls and is attending high school.

Mrs. Edwin Cole and Mrs. Eva Bryant and daughter attended a baptism Easter Sunday at Lewiston.

"Grandma" Mann, who has been staying with her grandson E. J. Mann this winter, returned to her home in West Paris Tuesday.

The Easter concert at the Baptist church was enjoyed by a good sized congregation. The decorations of potted plants and evergreens were very prettily arranged and all the children did credit to their teachers with their recitations. The singing by little Laura Newell was so sweet it needs special mention.

Improve the Town Property.

We are all interested in the prosperity of our town. We can contribute to it materially, and give it a far more prosperous look at the same time.

Perhaps the public property needs a good coat of paint.

Devoe will supply that coat with two-thirds the number of gallons required of any other. Devoe will last twice as long as any other. Devoe is all paint and full-measure. Devoe is the strongest paint known. Devoe will take care of the property, in the long run, for half the money required by any other.

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E. D. Jewell, Corry, Pa., painted his house 5 years ago with a mixed paint; took 14 gallons. Last spring he repainted with Devoe; bought 14 gallons and had 4 left. Saved \$15 to \$20, as painting costs two or three times as much as the paint.

G. R. Wiley.

NORTH WEST BETHEL.

Mr. Wight, the pastor at West Bethel, was in this place the 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong were in this neighborhood recently.

Henry Schools is staying at Geo. W. Mason's.

Stearns brothers have been sawing up wood piles with their gasoline engine as "pusher" for the saw.

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Celery one of its principal ingredients, it helps to regulate the bowels; a restorative in debility of the digestive organs and has a direct effect upon the kidneys. It's a food—not a medicine.

Palatable—Nutritious—Easy of Digestion and Ready to Eat

My signature on every package.

Dr. Price, the creator of Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder and Delicious Flavoring Extracts. A cook book containing 76 excellent receipts for using the Food mailed free to any address.

Prepared by PRICE CEREAL FOOD COMPANY, Chicago, Illinois. FOR SALE BY C. A. LUCAS, BETHEL, MAINE.

NEWRY CORNER.

Bear River Grange patrons were nearly all present at the last meeting for was there not to be a poverty supper? Three members of Rumford Falls Grange were our guests. Percy Taylor was received as a new member from Azischoos Grange. The question, "What suggestion can you make to benefit the Grange, the farmer and the family?" Answers, to memorize the ritual work, regular attendance, promptly speaking on the question, etc. Readings were given by the Sisters, Mrs. J. C. Saunders and Mrs. Don Smith, with music by the Grange. Supper being ready, our first course consisted of johnny cake and milk, also a little bean soup, accompanied by some very small and thin biscuits, and each person had a cup of pale liquid which on investigation proved to be "bran coffee." In a few moments the pies and cakes began to appear in the usual abundant variety of a Grange dinner, and shortly bowls of delicious oyster stew were served; to our great surprise then came coffee, the real article this time. Those who were not in proper attire were fined, and after due consideration by the committee, the prizes were awarded.

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MILLINERY.

I also have a full line of Underwear and Hosiery for ladies and children.

The latest and prettiest things in Neckwear and Belts, 25 cents and 50 cents.

Special value in Black Underskirts and Shirtwaists.

Muslin Underwear, including Night Robes, Pants, Corset Covers, and Skirts.

Shirtwaist Sets, Brooches, Hair Pins, Combs, Etc.

L. M. Stearns, Bethel.

To the Public.

I desire to inform the public that I have purchased the CALVIN BISBEE STORE, in Bethel, and shall continue the same line of business as was carried on by Mr. Bisbee. I assure all that I shall endeavor to maintain the reputation of this store as far as is possible for me to do so, and I earnestly invite my share of the public trade.

Clarence K. Fox, Bethel, Me.

Spring Lines are Now Ready in

GLOVES, NECKWEAR, SILK and COTTON DRAPERIES, WHITE SHIRT WAIST PATTERNS, HAMBURGS, LACES, DRESS TRIMMINGS, LINEN TOWELS, VEILINGS, ETC.

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Ayer's

When the nerves are weak everything goes wrong. You are tired all the time, easily discouraged, nervous, and irritable. Your cheeks are

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pale and your blood is thin. Your doctor says you are threatened with a nervous breakdown. He orders this grand old family medicine.

"For more than 50 years I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla in my family. It is a grand tonic at all times, and a wonderful medicine for impure blood."—D. O. Holtz, West Haven, Conn.

Keep the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills, just one pill each night.

Weak Nerves

Keep the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills, just one pill each night.

The Bicycling Season will soon be open.

Have you decided to have a New Wheel or your old one fixed up? The present outlook indicates a revival of interest in cycling. My lines this year will include

Eagles, Iver Johnsons, Cascos, Etc., Etc.,

And my line of Sundries will be as large and up-to-date as usual. Repairing of all kinds,

EDWARD KING, Main Street, Bethel, Me.

The Common People.

One young man or one young woman in a neighborhood may become world-wide noted, but the many are never known beyond their own circle, and must content themselves with what is called the common things of life.

The people doing the great things of life need no encouragement from us, but allow us to send our greeting to the common people, who are doing the common things; who are removing the pebbles from the pathway of those who are foot-sore and are lifting the burden from some weary back. It is upon the common people, with their common work, that the foundation of life rests. The sun will shine, the flowers will bloom and the mysterious mechanism of nature is carried forward for the common as well as the distinguished few. The common life is full of dignity and beauty, that we in our haste and blindness do not see. When a person once becomes noted through his own exertions or the help of others how ready we are to applaud; but how slow we are to discover or recognize the qualities that make real heroism in the people who are doing the work in obscurity. It may be but common work to take your place in the kitchen, behind the plow, in the store, the schoolroom, or the shop, but if this work is taken up each morning without complaining, month after month, it is certainly true heroism, though it is never published abroad. Every person in the great plan of life counts; every life, though secluded and obscure, if well lived, is as kingly as one who sits on the throne, and often far more so. All honorable work is robed with dignity, majesty and power. You may wear the working clothes of a farmer and yet be the very ideal of a hero and a loyal citizen; our education has done no greater wrong than the depreciation of common work.

We must honor simplicity, purity and faithfulness in common work and in every-day life. To be honorable is far greater than to win honors; and the grandest, purest and broadest life is often lived without ever being advertised in public print or glorified by the votes of fellow citizens. Among the common people we all know some that, while they have but little education and have never been but a few miles from their little district, are great and their lives are full. So we find that money, college, travel, etc., never makes one greater; they only afford you the material by which you may make yourself greater.

At one time Mrs. Garfield wrote to her husband: "I am glad to tell you that out of all toil and disappointment of the summer just ended, I have risen up to victory. There is no healthy thought without labor, and this thought makes the labor happy. Perhaps this is the way I have been able to climb higher. It came to me one morning when I was making bread. I said to myself, 'here I am compelled by an inevitable necessity, to make our bread this summer. Why not consider it a pleasant occupation and make it so by trying to see what perfect bread I can make?' It seemed like an inspiration, and the whole of life grew brighter. The very sunshine seemed flowing down through my spirit into the white loaves; and now I believe my table has better bread than ever before. And this truth, as old as creation, seems to have just now become fully mine, that I need not be the shirking slave of toil, but its regal master, making whatever I do yield its best fruits." Our common people, common only because they do common work, should not consider themselves drudges, but students of life. The aspirations to do the work perfectly we are doing makes us great; no life's work is so insignificant but that the universe needs its work perfectly done. Let us, the common people, make the most of our conditions, what we have and what we are; make the most of our leisure time, our opportunities and our natural talents and capacities, and their will be none greater. "No life so small but has its race to run.

Through its acts and deeds may be untold:
No life so small but through its race
are some
Blessed threads of shining gold."
—American Farmer.

Young Plants

Every farmer knows that some plants grow better than others. Soil may be the same and seed may seem the same but some plants are weak and others strong.

And that's the way with children. They are like young plants. Same food, same home, same care but some grow big and strong while others stay small and weak.

Scott's Emulsion offers an easy way out of the difficulty. Child weakness often means starvation, not because of lack of food, but because the food does not feed.

Scott's Emulsion really feeds and gives the child growing strength.

Whatever the cause of weakness and failure to grow—Scott's Emulsion seems to find it and set the matter right.

Send for free sample.
Scott & Bowne, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., New York
Soc. and \$1.00; all druggists.

Some Facts About Manchuria.

Manchuria, which is the present bone of contention, is large enough to be an empire in itself, being about ten times as large as the State of Ohio. If it were as thickly populated as Ohio, it would contain 40,000,000. But the estimates of its population range from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000, while the larger part of this number is in the southern and southeastern provinces. The vast territory in northern Manchuria, which lies between the Russian settlements, is thinly populated, not because it is destitute of agricultural and mineral resources, but because of the disorganized social and political conditions. The Chinese Government has never been strong enough to secure throughout this region the protection of private rights which is essential to prosperity. The "robber bands," of which we hear so much in Manchuria, have so terrorized the whole country that there was no inducement for the accumulation of property throughout the regions bordering Russian possessions, where these bandits have had freest sway, while in the southern and southeastern parts, almost the only protection secured by the property-owners has been that granted them by an organization of the "robber bands" into a trust, which has to some extent, served the purposes of government.

The entrance of Russia into Manchuria follows, therefore, the well-recognized natural demand of more civilized and orderly communities to enter into the possession of adjoining territory which is not properly policed or developed by existing occupants and governing powers. The government of China has not done enough for the unsettled portions of Manchuria to give her any special claim upon the territory. In the main, the people have been left to protect themselves; so that the relation of the Russians to northern Manchuria is not much different from that of the people of the United States, a generation or two ago, to the fertile areas in the West.—Review of Reviews for April.

Best Cough Medicine for Children.

When you buy a cough medicine for small children you want one in which you can place implicit confidence. You want one that not only relieves but cures. You want one that is unquestionably harmless. You want one that is pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets all of these conditions. There is nothing so good for the coughs and colds incident to childhood. It is also a certain preventive and cure for croup, and there is no danger whatever from whooping cough when it is given. It has been used in many epidemics of that disease with perfect success.

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ABOUT YOUR WELLS.

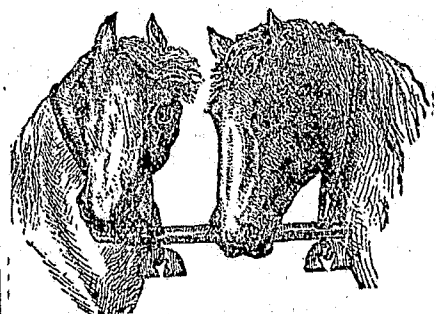
Nine Cases out of Ten Typhoid Due to Impure Water.

Contamination May Be From Barnyard or Kitchen.

It becomes more and more evident each year that much of the sickness prevalent in the country is directly attributable to the quality of the water. By careful studying the matter it is found that in nine cases out of ten typhoid fevers originate in families whose water supply is from a well, into which impure water comes. This may be from the farm-yard, and quite generally such is the case. For some years the water in a well near the house may be pure and wholesome, but by-and-by the soil between it and the barn-yard will become so impregnated with pollution that an unhealthy quality will be imparted to it, and disease will result from its use. This is almost sure to be the case when the distance between the two is not great, because, as a general thing, the bottom of the well is lower than the yard, and the drainage from the latter will extend in all directions through the most porous strata of soil, and when it reaches the well it will naturally flow into it as a reservoir. No matter how pure the water may have been when the well was first dug, sooner or later it will be contaminated by water flowing through the soil from barnyards and cess-pools located anywhere near it. We have in mind a case in which four children died from diphtheria. An examination by the physician proved that the slops from the kitchen had so filled the soil for a distance of twenty feet between the back door, out of which they were thrown, and the use of it, diphtheria had certainly resulted. When making a well, have it if possible, above the barn-yard, and let the drainage be from it rather than into it. Arrange a place for slops with a cement bottom and sides, from which glazed pipes, cemented together, allow the unhealthy matter to flow off and away from the well.

Coupling Horses in the Southwest.

In the South and West it is frequently desirable to turn horses out in the range for a short time, and to prevent them from straying off, and to be more easily caught, I use a yoke, which the accompanying drawing will illustrate. This is safe, and with it a horse cannot choke himself. I also use it in breaking young oxen. To make it, cut a piece of tough wood two feet six inches long, two inches in diameter; shave off the bark and bore a three-quarter or a one inch hole near each end; a piece of half-inch rope around each animal's neck, making a loose collar that will not slip over his head; take a loop of the rope and pass it through a hole in the bar, and into the loop insert the



key, made of a piece of half-inch oak board, two by three inches, shaped as in the drawing. The board being rounded at the top, will allow the rope to turn easily in the yoke and prevent choking.

Skim Milk That Paid.

A year ago at the experiment farm we were feeding steers, four of which were fed grain hay and two of them had a small ration of rolled barley. We were selling our milk to a neighbor for less than the cost of hauling the milk to the factory because no money was available for the purchase of animals to which to feed it. So arrangements were made with a neighbor for a couple of pigs to feed on shares. The pigs weighed 81 pounds each when they came to the farm. They followed the steers and were fed skim milk. In 118 days they ate 6,000 pounds skim milk, gained 243 pounds in weight and increased \$16.12 in value with pork at 6.5c a pound. They thus paid for their skim milk at the rate of 26.7c per hundred. This is how your station got its start in the pig business. Skim milk did it.—G. H. True, Arizona Experiment Station.

Agriculture in England.

Agriculture, as applied to British Guiana, means chiefly the cultivation of the sugar cane, rice, plantains, and ground provisions. The estimated area of those products under cultivation is 74,000, 12,000, and 5,000 acres, respectively. The so-called plantain and provision farms are mere truck gardens of half an acre to five acres. Very few farms embrace as much as forty acres.

The Largest Orchard.

The largest apple orchard in the world is being planted in Laclede County, Missouri, and when completed will contain 5,000 acres. It is the most gigantic undertaking in the way of apple raising that has ever been made, but this is an age of successful gigantic enterprises. — Ranch and Range.

DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble, Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty cent and one dollar bottles are sold by all good druggists. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Mike—P'what's th' biggest fish ye ever caught, Pat?
Pat—Sure, Oi never caught him. He got away.

"Itching hemorrhoids were the plague of my life. Was almost wild. Doan's Ointment cured me quickly and permanently, after doctors had failed." C. F. Cornwell, Valley Street, Sargetis, N. Y.

"Is the boss going to give you the raise you asked for?"
"Well—er—I'm afraid to say. I told him I thought my pay should be commensurate with—the amount of work I do and he promptly agreed with me."

The little folks love Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Pleasant to take; perfectly harmless; positive cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma.

She—My new gown is just lovely; it's a perfect fit.
He—Satisfied on that point, eh?
She—Yes, I know it's a good fit because it pinches me so—
He—Well, it doesn't pinch you half as much as it does my pocket-book.

The Keeley Institute in Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill, is successfully curing drunks and drug users.

"Truth," said the philosopher, is at the bottom of a well."
"Mebbe," said the speculative citizen. "But it certainly isn't at the bottom of a gold mine."

Bodily pain loses its terror if you've a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Instant relief in cases of burns, cuts, sprains, accidents of any sort.

"And so, doctor," said the anxious patient, "you think a little whiskey would be good for me. How much and how often am I to take it?"

"Well, I should say about one drink a week would be—"
"Oh, goldarnit, I'm going to get up and go down to the office."

Scrofula, salt rheum, erysipelas and other distressing eruptive diseases yield quickly and permanently to the cleansing, purifying power of Burdock Blood Bitters.

Teacher—The winter is almost over now. You may tell me, Tommy, what is coming next.
Tommy (promptly)—The circus!

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box, 25c.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. This signature, E. W. Grove

Cures Grip in Two Days.

on every box, 25c.

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Devoe's Pure Lead and Zinc,
Prepared Paints,
Varnishes, Colors, Brushes,

Id fact, everything needed for all classes of Painting.

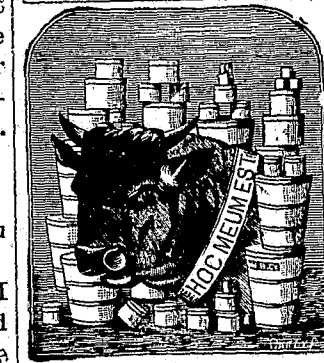
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Wall Papers and Window Shades.

I have made a careful selection of the best patterns, and shall be pleased to show you the goods.

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Full Line of

MEATS.

Beef, Pork, Lamb and Ham.

FISH.

Salt Mackerel, Finnan Haddie, Smoked Luncheon Halibut in 10 cent Packages. Puritan Codfish in one pound packages. Smoked Fish, Oysters Clams, Tongues and Sounds.

Complete Line of

Fancy Groceries, Canned Goods, Teas, Coffees, Fruit, Confectionery, Tobacco and Cigars.

TRY OUR

Lemon Tablets, Hoarhound Tablets, Lime Tablets, or Preserved Ginger for the Throat.

First Class Home Bakery

Where you can get anything in the Bread or Pastry line, cheaper than you can make it yourself.

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GRASS SEED

We are Headquarters for the Grass Seed Business, and have one of the largest, choicest lots of Seed that we have ever shown, including

Timothy, Red Top, Alsike and New York Clover,

Also a large quantity of STRICTLY RELIABLE

FERTILIZERS: (BRADLEY'S BOWKER'S and SWIFT'S)

ORDER EARLY.

Woodbury & Purington.

RUMFORD

Mrs. J. H. is in Rumford her daughter, Dog-owners member that tenth day of nual dog tax safety of their

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TO SINGERS

SPEA

G. R. Wiley Ur Hyomei. Will Approval.

A new and use for Hyomei ed, one that wi welcomed by si speakers.

The free use of ed through the with every outfi balsams to the and strengthens Wiley has had s tomers speak to the good effects of Hyomei for th and will be glad proval to any teacher, or public He feels sure Hyomei for the make many new treatment. If it isfaction, the mo returned prompt questions.

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Dizzy? He back of your ey liver! Use Gently laxative Sold for 60 year

Want your mon a beautiful brown BUCKINGH

RUMFORD FALLS.

Mrs. J. H. Lowell of Hallowell is in Rumford Falls, for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. K. Day.

Dog-owners in town should remember that not later than the tenth day of April must the annual dog tax be paid to insure the safety of their pets.

Rev. G. B. Hannaford has accepted an invitation to preach a memorial sermon before Whitman Post G. A. R., of Bryan's Pond.

The members of Androscoggin Companion court, I. O. F., at a meeting Tuesday evening of last week, at the home of Mrs. A. L. Stanwood, voted to lease for a year the hall which is to be finished in McMennamin's block for secret orders. The particular night of the week when the meetings of the Lady Foresters will be held is not yet decided.

Goodwill Douglass, who moved recently to the former home of Mrs. Douglass in New Brunswick, was in town last week on a brief trip. His many friends here were exceedingly pleased to welcome him again.

The common schools in town began the spring term Monday, March 28.

The house on Maine avenue, which was very nearly destroyed by fire early in the year, is being repaired by the owner, Hon. Waldo Pettengill. At the time of the fire, the loss was reckoned at about \$1000. The repairs include a new roof, and very nearly the complete interior woodwork will have to be replaced.

President John E. Stephens, of the Rumford board of trade, has appointed, in accordance with the vote at Friday's meeting, J. S. Morse, O. J. Gonyea and F. O. Eaton as a committee to confer with manager C. W. Cary, regarding the establishment of a pad manufactory here and the sale of stock among the local investors.

Miss Cora Lane of Malden, Mass., who is to teach the evening school, arrived in town Monday, and is at the home of Mrs. Rufus J. Virgin, 114 Franklin street.

TO SINGERS AND PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

G. R. Wiley Urges Them To Use Hyomei. Willing To Sell It On Approval.

A new and specially valuable use for Hyomei has been discovered, one that will be particularly welcomed by singers and public speakers.

The free use of Hyomei, breathed through the inhaler that comes with every outfit, carries healing balsams to the head and throat, and strengthens the voice. G. R. Wiley has had several of his customers speak to him in regard to the good effects following the use of Hyomei for this special purpose, and will be glad to sell it on approval to any singer, minister, teacher, or public speaker.

He feels sure that the use of Hyomei for this purpose will make many new friends for the treatment. If it does not give satisfaction, the money paid will be returned promptly and without questions.

The complete Hyomei outfit, consisting of an inhaler that can be carried in the purse or pocket, a bottle of Hyomei and a medicine dropper, costs only one dollar.

Many remarkable cures of catarrh and other troubles of the air passages have been made by Hyomei, and G. R. Wiley agrees to refund the money to anyone who does not find it a complete cure for any catarrhal trouble.

There is no dangerous stomach drugging with Hyomei, simply breathe it through the inhaler, and relief comes quickly.

"Any signs of spring out your way?"

"My wife has said five times that we need a new stepladder."

Bilious?

Dizzy? Headache? Pain back of your eyes? It's your liver! Use Ayer's Pills. Gently laxative; all vegetable. Sold for 60 years.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE. Write for sample and price list to J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

CURES

CHRONIC CATARRH

Of the Nose, Throat, Lungs, Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels.

Wonderful New Discovery, Which Entirely Removes This Terrible Affliction.

FREE TREATMENT ON REQUEST

There is no other disease so widespread as Catarrh. It infests nearly every home and is felt to greater or less degree by almost all of us at some time during our lives.

Its ravages are not confined to the nose alone but it soon affects the Throat and Lungs, then the Stomach and Liver, and finally the Kidneys and Bowels become



weakened and broken down by reason of the terrible curse of Catarrh. This disease is inflammatory in its nature and is very liable to affect the membranes and tissues of any vital organ or part of the system and produce results which cause a lifetime of suffering and regret.

Men of science and students of medicine have tried in vain for years to find a positive cure, but it has remained for one living in our own generation to finally discover what he claims to be a certain remedy for Catarrh of any organ of the body. His claims are vouched for by the words of hundreds of people whose honesty cannot be doubted; people who have suffered for years and tried every other known remedy without avail; people who had not faith at first but were finally cured and convinced of the wonderful power of this new discovery in medical science.

The famous physician to whom the credit belongs for this wonderful development and addition to twentieth-century science is Dr. J. A. LOMAS, Department of Medicine, South Bend, Ind. He will send anyone who is suffering from Catarrh a free treatment to prove the merits and wonderful curative properties of this new discovery. Readers are requested to describe their case when writing to the doctor for the Free Treatment.

If you have any other disease, pain or affliction besides Catarrh, write the doctor about it and he will send a free treatment for that also at the same time he sends you the Free Treatment for Catarrh.

Mention the News when answering this advertisement.

GRAFTON.

E. B. Farrar was in Newry on Tuesday of last week.

James Jones of West Milan, N. H., is working at Mrs. N. M. Brown's.

Walter Brinck and Merton Kilgore of Newry, were in town last week.

Wendell O. Philbrook of Greene, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Otis.

The members of the Busy Workers Branch of I. S. S. society met with Mrs. A. F. Brooks the 6th.

W. H. Otis who has had charge of the lumber operations for R. B. Thurston at Newry the past winter, came home last Wednesday.

W. E. Pratt came out of the woods with his team last Wednesday. He has been employed by R. B. Thurston at Newry.

C. T. Parker returned home last week from Diamond, where he has been employed the past few months.

James W. Brown who has been in the lumbering business at West Milan, N. H., the past winter, came out of the woods last Wednesday with his team.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates, hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. The following matter having been presented for the action therein, heretofore indicated, it is hereby ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in THE BETHEL NEWS, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

CHARLES F. LORD, late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof, presented by Elizabeth B. Lord, the executrix therein named.

MELITA W. PINGREE, late of Albany, deceased; petition that Charles F. Pingree or some other suitable person be appointed administrator, presented by Charles F. Pingree, a son and heir.

B. FRANK BLAKE, late of Gilead, deceased; petition that E. C. Park or some other suitable person be appointed administrator, presented by E. C. Park, a brother and heir.

CALVIN BISBEE, late of Bethel, deceased; petition for license to have conveyed real estate according to contract, presented by Albion L. Morgan et al., interested parties.

HELEN E. BISBEE of Bethel, ward; petition for license to sell and convey real estate, presented by Fannie W. Bisbee, guardian.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

Attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

37444 A true copy—attest: CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of.

Light on the Negro Problem.

In the April McClure's, Thomas Nelson Page gets at the heart of the Negro Problem, throwing the light of his intimate knowledge upon its difficulties and fallacies. He discusses the days of reconstruction and exposes the grave mistakes by both North and South in the trying post-bellum time. Changed relations and misunderstandings between the white and black races resulted. The North acted on the principles that all men are equal, that the negro needed to be sustained by the government and that the negro needed protection against the white. The South always maintained that these were the fundamental errors.

"The chief trouble that arose between the two races in the South after the war grew out of the ignorance of the North of the actual conditions of the South, and the ignorance of the South of the temper and power of the North," writes Mr. Page. Of the organization of the Freedmen's Bureau and the problem of rehabilitating the negro, Mr. Page says: "It was a subject that called for the widest knowledge and the broadest wisdom and, unhappily, both knowledge and wisdom appear to have been banished in the treatment of the subject."

Mr. Page forcefully describes conditions resulting from these mistaken policies, concluding, "The injury to the whites was not the only injury caused by the reconstruction system. To the negroes, the object of its bounty, it was no less a calamity." The disastrous lessons thus taught the negro are summed up: that the white man was his enemy, that he was the equal of the white man, that he was the ward of the nation. Born of such teaching Mr. Page argues have come laziness, insubordination, dependence, dishonesty and jealousy. It deprived the negro of the southern white as his best friend to be arrayed against him as his strongest enemy.

In common with most enlightened Southerners Mr. Page laments the death of Lincoln who, he thinks, would have prevented many of the mistakes following the war. "The worst enemy that either race had ever had, Mr. Page says, 'was the post-bellum politician.' The fruits of his policy are described in the South as bankruptcy, high taxes, race wars and corruption. "With the overthrow of the carpet-bag governments and the destruction of negro domination in the South, the South began to shoot up into the light of a new prosperity."

But there has come a total change in the relations of the white and black races. The old relation of intimacy and affection had passed away and in its place has come a feeling of indifference or contempt on the one side and indifference or envy on the other. Where the whites are easily dominant harmony prevails. When the relations are reversed there is danger of an outbreak. The negro, misled by the teaching of the doctrinaire, thinking himself the equal of the white, asserts himself and the white resents it. The consequence is a clash. Here is the situation today.

Serious Stomach Trouble Cured.

I was troubled with a distress in my stomach, sour stomach and vomiting spells, and can truthfully say that Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me—Mrs. T. V. WILLIAMS, Lainsburg, Mich. These tablets are guaranteed to cure every case of stomach trouble of this kind.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Charles McAllister and Loren Lord are working for Mr. C. H. Fernald at his mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Fernald, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hazeltine and little Harry were guests at I. Hazeltine's Sunday.

Mrs. A. A. Bruce visited her friend, Mrs. Maria Hazeltine, last Friday.

Mr. George Fernald of Bethel, was at George Briggs' one day last week.

Little Nina Briggs has sweet peas budded and a petunia in bloom.

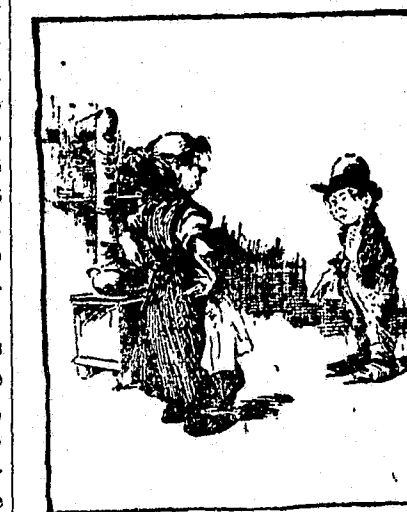
Mrs. Henry Rugg is visiting her father Parker Flint.

Mr. Ed Rand and Charles McAllister were at George Briggs, recently.

Uncle Ezra on the New Shows.

"I'd like to see an oldtime show," sez Uncle Ezra Fox, "fer they hev got these new ones skinned at least a dozen blocks. There's nothin' that a man ull say, ner nothin' that he does ull make me b'lieve that shows air good ez old-time opt'ys wincere—I'm tellin' you the facts—fer Little Eva dies an' then she dances 'tween the acts. An' Uncle Tom, who's all beat up by Simon in the show, comes out an' sings 'Dem Goo Goo Eyes' er 'Josephine, My Jo.' Now, it ain't right, you know it ain't, to make man's tears come thick an' then to make him strain his neck to see some woman kick. Is wrong, I tell you, mighty wrong a man's heart strings to strike an' then to git him stompin' time to coon songs an' the like. I wish they'd come around," sez Ez, "an' op'ry of the time when shows was played in earnest fer I'd shorely blow a dime an' go an' see it, fellers, an' if you ull say along, there ain't a one of you ud say-er Uncle Ez is wrong."—Faw Faw (Me), Baxoo.

Satisfied Either Way.



"Ma, kin I go over an' play wid Micky Hoolihan?"
"Naw. Yez know we have nothin' to do wid them Hoolihans."
"Den lemme go over an' kick the stuffin' out him."

Arkansas's Advantages.

The typical young girl from Arkansas
Can chaw more tobacco than her ma can chaw.
She can sling a little ink,
Take a little drink,
And saw more wood than her pa can saw.

The typical young man from Arkansas
Is never afraid of his mother-in-law.
He can stay out all night,
Take a hand in a fight,
And ring in a cold deck on his father-in-law.
—Louisville (Ky.) Herald.

First Principles.

De Style—I would like to get a good book on table etiquette.
Bookseller—Do you live at home or board?
De Style—Board.
Bookseller—Good! Here is a copy of the revised football rules.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

His Forte.

McBooth-Rantington—To-day I read the manuscript of the play in which I am to star, and, although it doesn't quite come up to my expectations, there is one scene in which I shall do myself justice.
The Soubrette—Ah! A real turkey, dinner?—Puck.

Preferred 'Possum.

"De good things er dis life is hard ter come by," says Brother Williams. "De fattest 'possum always roasts de highest, but he's all de mo' jucier, w'en he's cooked en on de table, fer de trouble you had in makin' his acquaintance."—Atlanta Constitution.

A la Butte.

A charming young miss from Montana
Slipped down on a slimy banana.
She gave out no sign,
But jarred her fair spign
In a really horrible manna.
—Los Angeles (Cal.) Times.

Only the Writers Are New.

The magazine publishers announce that there are more than 5,000 new writers of fiction in the field this year. In ascertaining the number of writers of new fiction drop the ciphers and divide by five.—Washington Post.

How She Enjoyed It.

Miss Sharpe—She was telling me how she enjoyed her dance with you last night.

Mr. Klumsay—Why, the only one we had she insisted upon sitting out. Miss Sharpe—Yes, that's what she told me.—Philadelphia Press.

She Was Particular.

"What sort of money will you have, Mrs. Munn?" said the cashier, when that lady presented a large check for payment.
"Sterilized," replied Mrs. Munn.—Life.

Terrible.

"Des race problems is sumpin' terrible," said Mr. James Collifour.
"Dat's whut dey is," answered Mr. Erasmus Pinkley. "It's gettin' so de bosses is harder to beat dan policy."—Washington Star.

Apartment House Tragedy.

They sliver by the steam pipes While their vigils dream they keep, For the frost is on the window And the janitor's asleep.
—Chicago Tribune.

HEALTH In Childhood

means health in later years. As the child builds the adult shall be. Weakly, neglected children do not grow to vigorous man and womanhood. Childhood complaints yield easily to proper treatment—but they do not correct themselves. The weak stomach, pallid complexion, listless bearing, irritable temper, disturbed sleep, speak plainly of the ailments common to children, most of which have their origin in disordered stomach and bowels.

The greatest safeguard to children's health is

Dr. True's Elixir

For indigestion, irritability, constipation, poor appetite, peevishness, fevers, stomach and liver troubles, and worms it is unequalled. Parents of two generations have relied upon it. It restores sound, vigorous health when nothing else will. First it removes the cause, then aids nature to repair the damage; builds anew the waste, enriches the blood and sends a glow of health and vigor to every organ and tissue of the body. At all druggists, 35c. Write for free booklet: "Children and Their Diseases."

DR. J. F. TRUE & CO., Auburn, Maine.

EL SABLE, 28046,

Trial, 2:30 1-4



By Guy Wilkes 2:15 1/4, sire of 75 trotters and 12 pacers in 2:30 list. Dam Sable (dam of four in 2:30) all own brothers and sisters to El Sable. One of them sired the first yearling to trot in 2:30 and sired a four-year old that trotted in 2:11 and a five-year old in 2:11 1/4. By the Moor, sire of Beautiful Bells, dam of 11 in 2:30. Farmers can't afford to breed for speed alone, and in breeding to El Sable, you are sure to get one of the following:—Size, Style, Solid Color, Speed, Docility, and Beauty, in fact, something that will sell. El Sable stands 16-1 and weighs 1200 pounds. He is an exceptionally sure breeder; his colts are all nice ones. Call and see for yourself. He is owned jointly by L. A. HALL of Bethel and A. L. YOUNG, of Auburn, and will make the season of 1904, at the stable of the former. For terms, apply to or address either

L. A. HALL, Bethel, Me., or A. L. YOUNG, Auburn, Me.

IRA C. JORDAN,

Dealer in

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GRAIN,

BETHEL, - - - MAINE.

Wood Ashes FOR SALE

In any quantity desired. Car load lots a specialty. For Prices and particulars, address

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The Largest and Freshest Stock in Oxford County.

STANLEY BISBEE,

Cheney Block,

Rumford Falls, Maine.

WANT COLUMN.

Wanted.

Ladies and Gentlemen: We pay \$15 a thousand cash, copying at home. No mailing or canvassing. Send stamp.

PURITAN MFG CO.,
4 Kilby St.,
Worcester, Mass.

Wanted.

Teachers for graded and ungraded schools. Write to
THE MAINE TEACHERS' AGENCY,
Bethel, Maine.

Lost.

Between Grafton and Bethel, one open face silver watch with locomotive cut in gold on the back. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same with C. H. Davis, or at the News office.
HENRY LEONARD.
3w44 Grafton, Maine.

Farm for Sale.

Farm of 120 acres situated in Hanover and well divided as to tillage, pasture and wood land. Two-story house of ten rooms, large ell and good barn with cellar under same. Good running water in house and barn. For particulars inquire of M. J. Swain on premises.

AGENTS WANTED, AT LIBERAL COMMISSION

To introduce and sell "Sunshine," the best furniture polish in the world. It sells on sight. You can make money this winter. For particulars write,
OREN HOOPER'S SONS,
Portland, Me.

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Your husband will never again mention "mother's bread" if you will use



WASHBURN-CROSBY'S
GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

FREE
To Boys!

Send this advertisement and a circular taken from the GOLD MEDAL Flour package and we will send you, postpaid, our Boy's Jack Knife. It has two cast steel blades, spring holster, Cocoa Bolo handle, and is fully warranted. If your dealer does not handle GOLD MEDAL Flour, send us this and four other GOLD MEDAL advertisements which will appear in this paper during the next four weeks, and give us your grocer's name, and we will send you the knife without the circular from the GOLD MEDAL package. Address,
BROWN & JOSSELYN, Portland, Me.

Wanted.

Wanted: Boy to learn bicycle repairing.
EDW. KING,
Bethel, Maine.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Massachusetts has had fourteen unsolved murder mysteries in the past twelve years. This beats the Maine record.

Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, of Springfield Mass., 92 years old, died recently from blood poisoning caused by a pin scratch on a little finger.

Mrs. Forest Lawrence, aged 42, committed suicide at South Gardiner, last Saturday by taking strychnine. She had been ill and despondent.

Mrs. Cornelia G. Willis, widow of the author, N. P. Willis, died at Washington, recently, aged eighty years. The funeral was held in New Bedford, Mass., her girlhood home.

It is announced by the committee in charge of arrangements for the national Democratic convention that the \$40,000 pledged to the national committee has been subscribed by business men.

As the result of being hit by a foul tip while watching a game of baseball at Kensington, Conn., Edward McKeon, 17 years old, will probably die. He is bleeding freely from the nose and all efforts of the physicians to stop the flow of blood have been futile. The force of the ball hitting him ruptured arteries in McKeon's nose the doctors state.

S. A. Burleigh, superintendent of schools in Rumford and Mexico, who at the town meeting was elected a member of the Rumford Falls board of public library trustees to succeed Payson Smith, has been elected president of the board. He has also been authorized to prepare a list of \$1000 worth of books to be submitted to the board at the next meeting.

Burton N. Harrison, a lawyer of New York, husband of Mrs. Burton Harrison, the authoress, and father of Congressman Harrison of New York city, died last week, aged 65. During the war he was private secretary to Jefferson Davis, remaining with him in the relation almost as a son as well as of a secretary, to the end of the war. He shared in the capture of Davis, rather than forsake his fortunes at their fall.

An Augusta boy, Charles W. Hopkins, who recently won the Globe contest as the most popular scholar in Maine, is a deaf mute. He had been at home for two weeks ill, and he wanted to tell the fact to the teacher in the school in Portland. As he could not hear the voice that came over the telephone, his sister, Miss Mary Hopkins, attended to that, but in the reply he talked so plainly that every word could be understood by his teacher in Portland. Before going to Portland young Hopkins was unable to speak a word, but is learning very rapidly and is one of the brightest boys in the school.

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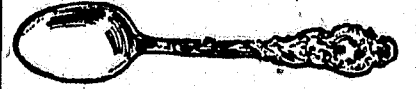
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BERLIN, N. H.

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Whidden were in Rumford Falls, Me., last week, attending the sessions of the Methodist conference.

All of the public schools in the city closed Friday for the Easter vacation. This vacation will be extended to two weeks in all of the schools except the High. Next week a large number of the teachers will visit Plymouth and put in a week of study and observation in the public schools there and also in the State Normal school. Then they will have the week following for their regular vacation.

It is probable that the opening of the new St. Patrick's parochial school will draw quite largely from some of the lower grades in the public schools, so that a reorganization of some of these grades will result. One room may be discontinued.

The recent rains have raised the river sufficiently for the operation of all departments of the mills depending upon water power and in some instances over-time is being done to supply the deficiency caused by the long period of idleness.

The first regular meeting of the city council was held at the city building Tuesday evening.

Miss Mabel Evans has employment in the Independent office.

The Grand Trunk construction crew are at this place and are engaged in placing steel stringers at the Green street underpass for the accommodation of two lines of track.

L. A. Dresser, manager of the Berlin Dry Goods Company made a flying trip to Boston the first of last week for the purpose of replenishing many lines of goods which were exhausted by the early demands of the Easter market.

Miss Lena G. Smith, who has for several years been a teacher in the public schools of Berlin, and at present teaching the first grade in the Marston building, has tendered her resignation to take effect at the end of the present term. Her resignation is very much regretted as she has been a very successful teacher.

GILEAD.

Some in this vicinity have begun to make the pure maple sugar.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wheeler have returned from visiting friends in Portland.

Mrs. Arthur Bennett is in very poor health.

Miss Margurite Finney of Norway has been visiting friends in town.

Miss Dean, J. W. Bennett's book keeper, has been to Norway on a visit.

Mr. Ellery Wheeler of Shelburne, N. H., was in town Monday. Fred Ordway has started his meat route through to Shelburne, N. H.

Mr. J. M. Newell and son Winfield are doing carpenter work for Augustus Philbrook in Shelburne, N. H.

Warren Morris who has been sawing and hauling wood for B. S. Burbank has returned to his home in Boston.

We are pleased to see the snow fast disappearing and hear the birds singing indicating that spring has come although the thaw of last week made drifted roads in bad condition for traveling.

Ephriam Wight went to Gorham, N. H., Friday returning the same day.

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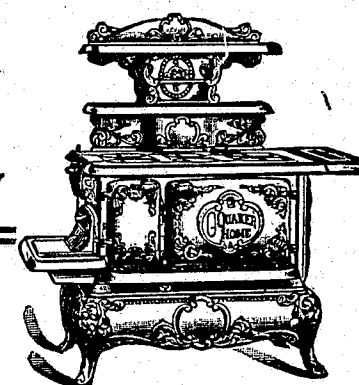
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